Math 357 Short quiz 07

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Let R be a euclidean domain, and let $N: R \to \mathbf{Z}_{\geqslant 0}$ be a norm that has a division algorithm. State the division algorithm. Within the division algorithm, what bonus do we get in the case R = F[t], where F is a field and t is an indeterminate?

Solution: The division algorithm states the following: Let $a,b \in R$ such that $b \neq 0$. Then there exist $q,r \in R$ such that

$$a = qb + r$$

and r=0 or N(r)< N(b). In the case R=F[t], we get the bonus that the quotient q (better, the product qb) and the remainder r are unique, if we take N to be deg with the amendment that N(0)=0.